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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-14 are pending.

Election/Restrictions

This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species: Claims 1, 4 and 5 are directed to a method of treating bulimia nervosa in a mammal comprising administering to the mammal an effective amount of a compound of the formula listed in claims 1, 4 and 5. The genus compound listed in the claims encompasses structurally different and distinct species as R5 and R6 can be substituted by different groups such as alkyl mercapto, dialkylamino, amino, alkylamino, alkanamido, methylene dioxy, halo etc. The species are independent or distinct because the species of the compounds listed in the claims are structurally different and the search for each species of the compounds listed would represent undue burden on the Office. In addition, the species can be classified under Class 514 Subclass 649, Class 514 Subclass 643, Class 514 Subclass 673, Class 514 Subclass 674, Class 514 Subclass 676, Class 514 Subclass 643,, Class 514 Subclass 628 and the search of each specie which fall under different classes would represent undue burden on the Office.

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, Claims 1, 4 and 5 are generic.

Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims

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readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of an allowable generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include (i) an election of a species or invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143) and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention.

The election of an invention or species may be made with or without traverse. To reserve a right to petition, the election must be made with traverse. If the reply does not distinctly and specifically point out supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election shall be treated as an election without traverse.

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the inventions or species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the inventions or species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C.103(a) of the other invention.

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Umamaheswari Ramachandran whose telephone number is 571-272-9926. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sreeni Padmanabhan can be reached on 571-272-0629. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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